

80/579013

AP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 09 MAY 2006

Nat'l. Phase of PCT/EP2004/013200  
Preliminary Amendment dated May 9, 2006

Attorney Docket No. 06268/RPM

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Roland BÜHLMANN, et al.

Serial No. : National Phase of  
PCT/EP/2004/013200

Filed : Herewith

For : DEVICE FOR ACTUATING A  
SLIDING CLOSURE APPLIED TO  
A VESSEL CONTAINING A  
MOLTEN METAL

Art Unit : To be Assigned

Examiner : To Be Assigned

Confirm. No.: To Be Assigned

Customer No.: 01933

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING**

Express Mail Mailing Label  
No.: EV 842302879 US  
Date of Deposit: 5/9/06

I hereby certify that this paper  
is being deposited with the  
United States Postal Service  
"Express Mail Post Office  
to Addressee" service under  
37 CFR 1.10 on the date  
indicated above and is addressed  
to Commissioner for Patents,  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA  
22313-1450

*Marilyn Stultz*  
Marilyn Stultz  
In the event that this Paper is  
late filed, and the necessary  
petition for extension of time  
is not filed concurrently  
herewith, please consider this  
as a Petition for the requisite  
extension of time, and to the  
extent not tendered by check  
attached hereto, authorization  
to charge the extension fee, or  
any other fee required in  
connection with this Paper, to  
Account No. 06-1378.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

S I R :

Preliminary to examination of the present application,  
please enter the following Amendment:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.